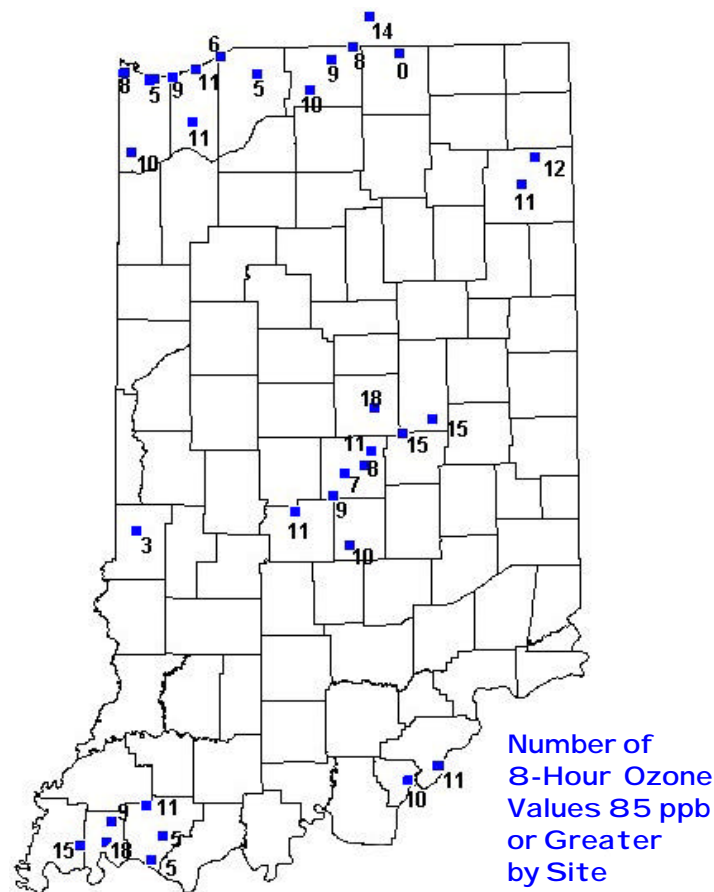
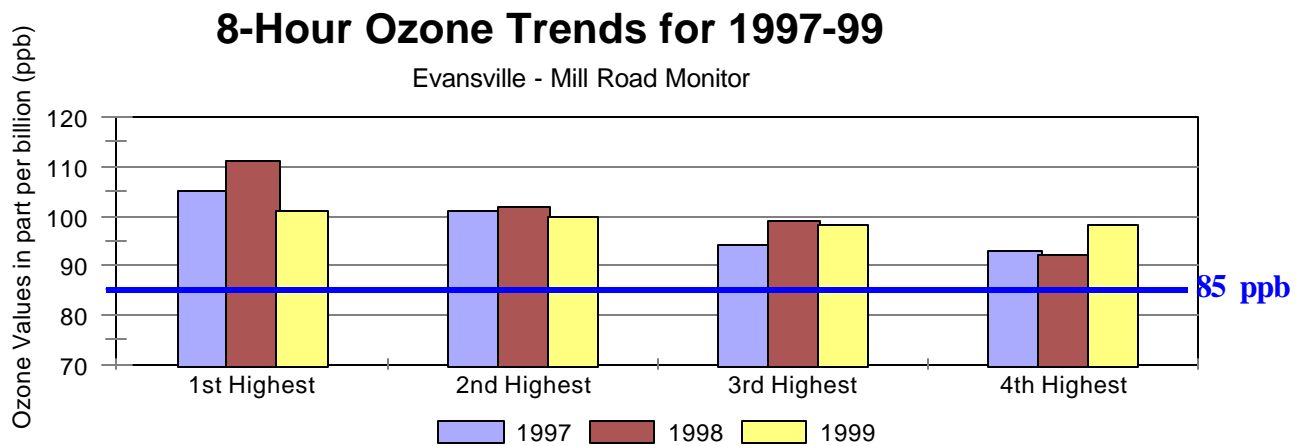
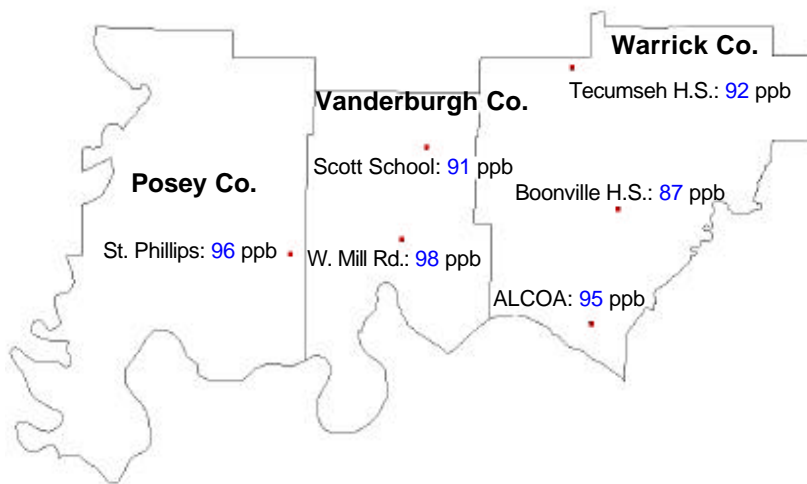


Season Report





Southwest Indiana 1999 Ozone Values 4th Highest 8-Hour Readings



Since 1997, Southwestern Indiana's highest ozone readings have occurred at the Evansville - Mill Road monitor. The chart above illustrates the top four ozone values for 1997-99. The eight-hour standard was violated at this site on September 2, 1999, with a 4th highest ozone value of 98 parts per billion (ppb). This area may be at risk for being classified nonattainment by the US EPA based on 1997-99 data. IDEM and the Southwestern Indiana Regional Steering Committee worked together to identify steps to reduce ozone levels in Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties.

What Can You Do?

1. Get active in ozone planning for your community. IDEM established seven Regional Ozone Steering Committees to take a proactive approach to ozone planning. Call IDEM for more information on how to get involved.

2. Get in the know about ozone levels. During ozone season, listen or watch for Ozone Action Day information on your local radio and TV stations. You can even get daily ozone readings, forecasts, and monitor data from Indiana's Smog Watch web site. Check out the Smog Watch Web site at <http://www.state.in.us/idem/oam/smog> or call our toll-free Smog Watch Forecast Line at (800) 631-2871.

3. Reduce your impact. Ride share; fill up the car or mow your lawn after dusk; and go inside the bank or restaurant instead of using the drive-thru. By making these efforts you can help reduce your impact on high ozone days. For more information on Indiana's ground-level ozone monitoring or voluntary education programs, contact Amy Morris, Partners for Clean Air, Indiana Department of Environmental Management at (800) 451-6027, ask for extension 3-6870 or dial (317) 233-6870 direct.

